

# FIRE STALLS THOUSANDS UNDER HUDSON

## HUDSON TUBE TRAINS TIED UP UNDER RIVER BY POWER HOUSE FIRE

Entire McAdoo System Blocked  
When Power Is Cut Off—Frightened Passengers Walk Through Tunnels.

The whole McAdoo tunnel system from Jersey City and Hoboken to Christopher and Cortland streets, New York, was tied up early to-day and four trains with passengers aboard were stalled underneath the river when the electric current was turned off because of a fire in the main power house in Jersey City.

When the trains in the "Tube" came to a sudden standstill the passengers displayed the patience of the seasoned commuter at first, but as the minutes rolled on and the trains did not move and remained in utter darkness, they became uneasy until they reached the verge of panic.

By this time the guards began to realize that something unusual had occurred, and lighting their lanterns they opened the doors of the cars and called to the passengers to step out into the tube and follow them to the nearest terminal. The passengers stumbled along, behind the faint lights of the lanterns, and picked their way from tie to tie until they reached the stations on either the Jersey or New York side.

A Cortlandt street train which had just pulled out from the Pennsylvania station in Jersey City was caught just 40 feet from its starting point. There were twenty passengers aboard.

Three other trains, one between Hoboken and the Erie station, another between the Erie station and Exchange Place, Jersey City, and a third between that station and Henderson Street were stalled in the same manner, and the passengers were guided to safety by the swinging of lanterns held by the guards.

**Congestion on Ferries.**

The early morning rush was just about over when the fire was discovered and the current turned off. Guards were rushed to all of the trolley transfer points, and as the commuters began piling off the cars and making for the tube entrances they were told that the whole system had been tied up and to take the trolleys on the nearest ferries. Guards were stationed also in the Pennsylvania, Erie and Lackawanna stations to warn the commuters from suburban points. The latter then rushed to the ferries, where they joined the thousands who were piling into the waiting rooms from the trolleys.

Owing to the growing traffic on the Hudson-Manhattan Railroad, as the McAdoo tube system is officially known, the ferryboats have been running on reduced schedules for some time and the increased rush of traffic on the ferries this morning resulted in a frightful congestion, which grew with every minute as trains and trolleys poured clamorous throngs into the ferry-houses.

The fog on the river made matters worse. The ferryboats had to move with extreme caution, feeling their way through the heavy pall of mist which shrouded the river from shore to shore and obscured everything on the river.

**Thousands Were Delayed.**

It was 8:30 o'clock when the current was turned on and traffic in the tunnels resumed. By that time thousands of persons had been caught in the congestion, and arrived at their places of business anywhere from fifteen minutes to half an hour late.

The fire which compelled the tie-up of the system was of small consequence, but the Jersey City department would not touch it until the current had been shut off and the danger from that source eliminated. It was caused by live coils dropping from an asbestos and setting fire to the woodwork and waste on the main floor. The firemen drew the fires from under three boilers after the current had been put out and fought the fire in great clouds of steam.

The distribution of trains for the early morning rush had begun at 5 o'clock and twenty trains had been sent to each of the Jersey City, Hoboken and Cortlandt street terminals, and five to the Thirty-third street terminal. As soon as the current was turned on word was telegraphed to the station men not to admit passengers to the trains and to clear the passengers out of the trains which had not been moved yet.

The fire was easily extinguished after the electric current had been cut off. The switchboard escaped injury.

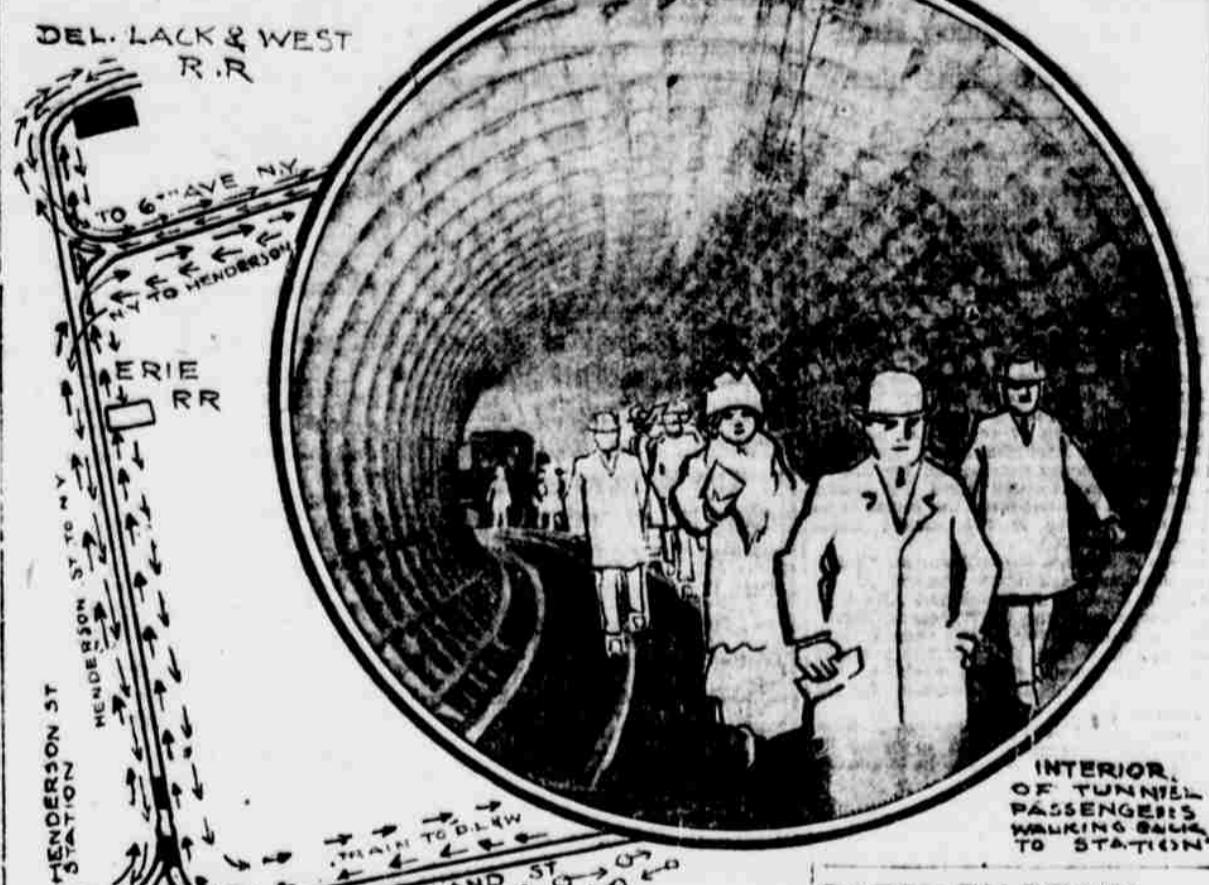
**SUBWAY IS TIED UP  
FOR HOUR AND HALF  
BY BROKEN COUPLING.**

The subway service had its usual daily stop in the morning rush hour. To-day's tie-up began at 8 o'clock, and it was an hour and a half later when trains began to move with any semblance of order.

The demoralization was due to defective equipment. A coupling broke on a train near the Worth street station a little before 8 o'clock. From this delay spread a paralysis of traffic up to the Bronx, to Washington Heights and over to Brooklyn.

Brooklyn passengers bound for Manhattan bought tickets and went to the

## Passengers Walking Through Tubes When Hudson Tunnel is Blocked



## STRANGE MALADY WITHOUT A GERM KILLED PATIENT

Medicines Useless, Experts  
Were Unable to Diagnose  
Case of Hospital Patient.

Convicted of Shooting Wife,  
He Wins Delay of Sentence  
Till After Christmas.

Lieutenant Thinks Long Missing Policeman Walked Into  
Harlem Through Mistake.

The latest theory concerning the mysterious disappearance of Policeman James J. Judge, of the Bronx Park station, who, while assigned to duty as chauffeur-protector in the taxicab strike vanished on the night of Dec. 2, was formulated to-day by Lt. Emmett of the East Twenty-second police station, who is at work on the case.

The Lieutenant thinks that after leaving the saloon known as "The Hub," at Twenty-seventh street and Third avenue, to which he has been assigned, Judge boarded a Third Avenue elevated train to report at his headquarters in the Bronx. Under the influence of liquor he left the train at the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street terminal and walked north into the Harlem River, drowning himself.

"I should not have shot my wife," he said to Judge Farwell. "It was wrong. But it is a dreadful thing to come out of the hospital to which she has been sent, to enter your home and have your little six-year-old daughter tell you that her mother is not behaving well, but that she says all right."

"I went out and found her at Broadway and Cornell street with a man I did not know. I shot her. I am lucky that I am not to be sentenced for murder. There is an old blind mother at home who has never learned of this, my disgrace. I cannot keep it from her longer. You cannot help her. But for my little girl, whom I love, I beg that she may stand part at least of Christmas, and not be taken away. There will be no more Christmases for us for a long time."

Judge Farwell sentenced Smith to Sing Sing for not more than nine years and six months and not less than four years and nine months sentence to begin the day after Christmas, and the prisoner to be confined to his cell with his daughter until Christmas Day.

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An autopsy will be performed without delay, which will be watched closely by the medical fraternity.

Under the leadership of Dr. Austin W. Hollis of the visiting staff of St. Luke's and Dr. Theodore C. Janeway, microscopists have worked for weeks to find a germ responsible for the disease, but their report up to the time of Carpenter's death indicated that there is none. Although Carpenter weakened daily and at times was on the verge of death in a feverish delirium, minute blood tests have been made at the Rockefeller Institute, but without the discovery of anything to account for the illness.

"At present we are so far mystified that we are not prepared to make a statement," said the physicians in charge of the case to-day. "I, with my colleagues, visited Carpenter every day, but we are no nearer to the secret of the malady than we were the day he came under our observation. Our hope of formulating a diagnosis rests on the autopsy."

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Dr. Hollis, one of the best experts to be called by the physicians at St. Luke's, spent days on the case and then called Dr. Jameson, Dr. St. John, Dr. Lamberton in consultation. The doctor was convinced that Carpenter had neither typhoid nor a malarial fever. Harrietti was suspected, but the reports of the microscopists dismissed that theory.

SAVED IN SEA SEARCH.

Barge Crew Lost in Thursday's Blizzards Safe in Port.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—With the arrival in Boston of the barge Birmingham, tow of the tug Christopher, the mystery surrounding the fate of the crew of the barges Birmingham and Scranton was cleared. All of the men were saved, although the Scranton sank off Cape Cod, putting the same fate to the barge Maywood, which was in the same tow. The Birmingham, Scranton and Maywood were in tow of the tug Margaret, when the towline broke during Thursday night's blizzard. The Maywood foundered, but her crew was saved by the tug.

POLICE WATCHING 2 MAN.

The police have under surveillance a man who was in the employ of the missing policeman as far back as October 1, 1908, when the number of Police, which is a fictitious name, he has been identified as being a member of the gang of the notorious Black Hand, which was at that time based in the Bronx. The man, whose name is John Sheridan, was captured in New York and was held in custody for trial on charges of being a member of the gang.

"My boy's condition is serious," said Judge Conroy, "and if he is ultimately compelled to make his journey to Italy, I do not think he will survive it. We want an agreement in order to suspend certain witnesses, and we hope to have the Secretary of State's ruling set aside."

NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR PORTUGAL.

WILL ELECT PRESIDENT OF NEW REPUBLIC FOR FIVE YEARS.

LEAVES ESTATE TO CHARITY.

JULY 27.—Butler Gives Property to Wife for Life.

The late George Alexander, Moderator of the Presbytery, and a committee were present yesterday afternoon to consider the constitutionality of the new organization. Fifty Chinese, an American, and a Liberal, is there any possibility of change, and so the House of Commons will be made up of 22 or 23 Americans, 20 or 21 Liberals, 8 Irish Nationalists, and 3 Labor Members. This will constitute a Coalition opposition of 37 or 38, giving the Government a Coalition majority of 12, the same as it had in the previous session.

The three previously unenrolled returns from Saturday's polling were made known to-day. They show no change. The Wiltshire Division of Wiltshire returned Charles Bartholomew, a Liberal, with a majority of 387; John A. M. Macdonald and Sir Edward Bentall, both Liberals, were re-elected in the Wilts, Berks and Hants Division of Essex respectively with majorities of 2,031 and 2,030.

After a hymn it was announced by the committee that in their opinion the church should be organized. A roll of thirty Chinamen who had letters of dismission from other Presbyterian churches in this city then was read. These thirty-three then voted for the new Chinese church. It is expected the membership will reach fifty within the week.

## PORTER CHARLTON, PINCHED AND PALE, GAINS NEW DELAY

Hemorrhages Nearly Prevent Trip of Youthful Wife Slayer to Trenton.

## LIFE IS IN DANGER.

Father Contends That Extradition to Italy for Trial Would Prove Fatal.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 19.—Private telegrams received here to-day state that a column of Federal troops under Gen. Hernandez in person encountered a large body of insurgents two hundred miles west of Chihuahua yesterday and that fighting had been in progress for several hours.

Hernandez left Chihuahua to take personal command of his troops. The report states that the Federal troops were being driven back. No details have been received and no estimate of the losses on either side can be made. It is said, however, that the insurgents are well armed and are pursuing Americans tactics, keeping well under cover in the rough mountainous country.

It is reported that the Government has not succeeded in opening the Mexican Northern Railroad, the troops were sent out from Chihuahua on Sunday, being reported to be up near La Junta.

The fire was started by an incendiary who threw all the records in the Church of the Ascension, Tenth street and Madison Avenue, Williamsburg, early to-day.

The fire was lit in a room in which were kept all the records of the church for some months past. These records included births, marriages, deaths and christenings. After breaking open the safe matches were thrown among the papers and they afforded evidence of the crime.

This fire was discovered by the wife of the minister, the Rev. Walter Dealey, who was asleep in the rectory next door. She aroused the minister, and he ran to the station house, a block away.

A still alarm was sounded for Engine Company No. 12. The firemen fought the flames from the roof of Ascension Hall, in Java street, and the building was soon under control. The fire was confined to the library, where a damage of \$200 was done. Just what records in the desk were burned Mr. Dealey could not say.

WILL RIDE TO GRAVE  
IN A MOTOR HEARSE.

Thirty Other Cars Will Carry Levene's Friends to the Cemetery.

When Solon Levene is borne to his grave in Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn, to-day from his late home, No. 29 West One Hundred and Thirty-ninth street, only motor vehicles will be in the procession. Mr. Levene died on Saturday.

Ordinarily the cars from Marion to Washington Cemetery takes about three hours. By using the motor cars the process can be made in half that time. Thirty automobiles will be in the corteges.

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